

We have been watching the XXI Party Congress in Moscow with great care to see what light it sheds on future Soviet foreign policy.

So far there has been no indication of any dramatic switches. In fact the tone has been if anything reassuring.

The fundamental change in historic Marxism dogma introduced three years ago in the XX Congress, "the non-inevitability of war" has been reemphasized and the point driven home that this implies even though the world's countries be divided into camps of different social systems.

Mikoyen has given a relatively favorable and by and large objective account of his discussions in the US implying that there is a real willingness on the part of the US to have serious negotiations on outstanding issues.

The emphasis seems to remain on the inevitable triumph of Communism as a result of victory in the economic race in a "very short historical period of time" (somewhere between 15 and 30 years).

The Sino-Soviet Bloc would obviously have no cause to resort to war and the Capitalist countries would not dare do so because of the decisive shift in the balance of strategic forces taking place currently in favor of the Bloc.

No indication of change in disarmament or Berlin policies from the public positions announced.

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